(d) if so, the details of such dialogue; and

(e) if not, how do Government propose to popularise this concept of "e-Commerce"?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Institutional set up in the form of Electronic Commerce (EC) Council, India EDIFACT Committee, EC Working Group and Message Development Groups for Customs, Ports, Airports, Finance and Private Sector have been created for promotion and propagation of EC/Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for trade with special reference to International Trade. Committees on Process Re-engineering and Legal were also formed. The coordinated EC/EDI implementation is going on for trade regulatory organisations which is periodically reviewed in sectoral EC/EDI review committees. In private sector pilot project have been initiated in automobile sector. This is proposed for replication to other sectors. Regular Awareness and education programmes are conducted. Article numbering organisation has been created for integration of Automatic Data Capturing Techniques into EC and a Technical Assessment Group is formed for the development and assessment of EDI messages.

(c) to (e) reference has been made to Cheif Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to Automate International Cargo Management functions and implement EDI based system adopt automatic data capturing tools in State run organisations and also to integrate cargo clearance activities with community partners. Customs, Port Trust and other implementing agencies are also implementing ED/EC at various locations in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

Import Policy on Dairy Products

1244. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "NDDB seeks import policy on dairy products", which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 8th February, 1999; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Governments' reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): .(a) yes, Sir.

(b) The import of milk, except skimmed milk and its products, is restricted. However, free import of these items is permitted from SAARC countries. The import of skimmed milk is allowed freely at zero tariff rate to supplement the availability of milk in the country.

The future import policy on dairy products will not only depend on India's large domestic requirement but also our commitment to phase out import res:rictions by the year 2003.

यूरोपीय देशों को चाय का निर्यात

1245. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिकः**
प्रो॰ रामगोपाल यादवः

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या हाल ही में भारत द्वारा निर्यातित चाय की खेप को यूरोपीय देशों द्वारा वापस भेज दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और इससे भारत को कुल कितना आर्थिक नुकसान हुआ है; और

(ग) भारत को हुए इस आर्थिक नुकसान के लिए कौन उत्तरदायी है और सरकार द्वारा उसके विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) जी, नहीं।